

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, December 3, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Gary Johnson, Woodlawn Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Member: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Ron Alexander, Planning Director and Ben Brengman, IT Director.

Council Agenda Amendment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council unanimously voted to amend the agenda to include a resolution to modify the terms of Land Conservation GEFA Agreement. Mayor Bethune said we needed to amend the agenda, because this resolution has to be done by January 1, 2019.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 11/19/18 and workshop synopsis dated 11/26/18.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager said staff have been working on improving the Garden City Floodplain Management Community Rating System (CRS) Update and asked the Planning Director to brief City Council on the results.

Planning Director said our score went from 8 to 6, which results in a discount of approximately 10% on homeowner's insurance. The total discount is approximately 20% if you have flood insurance. Mayor Bethune thanked the Planning Director and staff for their efforts on the floodplain management program.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading - Ordinance, Emergency Powers Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Section 2.1 of Chapter 2, Article I, and Section 90-19, Article I, thereof, for the purpose of designating the City Manager, as opposed to the City's Mayor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City to whom certain emergency powers shall be delegated, and for the purpose of modifying such powers to delete all provisions therein limiting the time period during which such emergency powers may be

exercised and the length of the emergency period; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Emergency Powers Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Section 2.1 of Chapter 2, Article I, and Section 90-19, Article I, thereof, for the purpose of designating the City Manager, as opposed to the City's Mayor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City to whom certain emergency powers shall be delegated, and for the purpose of modifying such powers to delete all provisions therein limiting the time period during which such emergency powers may be exercised and the length of the emergency period; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

First Reading - Ordinance, Nuisances (Emergency Powers) Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Article IV of Chapter 30, Entitled "Nuisances" for the purpose of designating the City Manager, as opposed to the City's Mayor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City to whom certain duties and responsibilities set forth therein shall be delegated; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Nuisances (Emergency Powers) Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinance of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Article IV of Chapter 30, Entitled "Nuisances" for the purpose of designating the City Manager, as opposed to the City's Mayor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City to whom certain duties and responsibilities set forth therein shall be delegated; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

First Reading - Ordinance, New Utility Service Fraud Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgian, as amended, to amend Article II of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, for the purpose of restating the application process for water service as set forth in Sections 82-27 and 82-28 of said Code, and the bases for disconnecting such service as set forth in Section 82-33 of said Code; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading - Ordinance, New Utility Service Fraud Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Article II of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, for the purpose of restating the application process for water service as set forth in Sections 82-27 and 82-28 of said Code, and the bases for disconnecting such service as set forth in Section 82-33 of said Code; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Resolution, Debris Monitor/ Public Assistance Consulting Services Contract Award: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Rostan Solutions LLC for debris monitoring and public assistance consulting services; to authorize the City Manager to execute the master services agreement; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Main Street Area Sewer Repair: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Goodwin Mills Cawood (GMC) for the provision of engineering services in connection with the repair and rehabilitation of sanitary sewers located on the eastern side of the City along the main street corridor in Garden City; to authorize the City Manager to execute a work order to contract for such services; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, City Council Meeting Schedule – Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to amend the regular meeting schedule of the Garden City City Council; to eliminate the December 17, 2018 regular meeting of City Council.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Write-off of 2011-2012 Utility Accounts Receivables Deemed Uncollectible – Clerk of Council said we have for consideration by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the write-off of the 2011-2012 utility accounts (bad debt) totaling \$41,979.54 that the City's collection company has identified as older than six (6) years and therefore deemed uncollectible.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to authorize the write-off of the 2011-2012 utility accounts (bad debt) totaling \$41,979.54 that the City's collection company identified as older than six years and therefor deemed uncollectible.

Resolution, Land Conservation GEFA Loan Agreement Modification: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution to by the Mayor and City Council to modify the Note and the Loan Agreement between the City and GEFA, and to authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver the Modification of the loan agreement, and any related documents necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Mayor Bethune and City Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 1/7/19